



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 3052 **Naval Vessel Transfer Act of 2008**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on July 29, 2008

S. 3052 would authorize the grants of six naval vessels to foreign countries. In each case, the bill identifies the vessel and the recipient country. The authority to transfer those vessels would expire two years after enactment. Under the bill, any costs related to the transfer, including costs for refurbishment of the vessels, must be paid by the recipient country. Such amounts are typically paid directly to the private shipyard that does the work.

Because the bill would authorize the transfer of those vessels by grant, instead of by sale, CBO estimates that enacting this bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. Implementing the bill would have no significant effects on spending subject to appropriation.

S. 3052 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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